

REMARKS

With regard to the requirement for election, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute Group V, covering claims 18-19 and 29, directed to polycyclic dyes, and reserves the right to file a divisional application or to take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the invention of Groups I, II, III and IV.

With regard to the further requirement for restriction, required by the Examiner as a consequence of the election of Group V, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the compounds of the general formula VI where $X=NR_{11}R_{12}$ and $Y=O$, as the chemical base structure.

With regard to the election of a species from the above class, we elect compound 98 (AZ78, see page 30 of the application) for purposes of the search.

In this context it is submitted that claims 22-28 will be rejoined if claim 18 is found allowable.

Applicant's election is made without traverse. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, provided that all claims to all additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

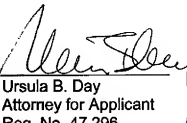
It is noted that each named inventor of the subject matter of the instant application contributed at least to one of the claims, presently on file.

With regard to the remaining claims constituting the other species, applicant does not waive any of his rights therefor or abandon such subject matter.

Since applicant has fully and completely responded to the Official Action and has made the required election, this application is now in order for early action at least on the merits of claims 18-19 and 29.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

Respectfully submitted,

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